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GREED AT WORK

Human greed is at work. With the excuse of war conditions out of the way, prices to the ultimate consumer in many lines have not fallen materially. In some, costs actually have

Many foodstuffs and many lines of wearing apparel have declined in price, but rents and fuel and steel goods and hardware and hundreds of other things-prices of these have shown no material reductions.

Human greed is responsible for the condition. And the condition is responsible in part for the so-called buyers' strike which is sweeping the United States-an unorganized movement which is prompted by the collapsed state of the public's pocket-

Unless prices come down, the consumers will not buy. They will get along without the necessities of life. They haven't the funds at hand to buy. It is in short, not a case of choice with them, it is dire necessity.

Middlemen levy a 21 percent toll upon goods which they handle, ac cording to price data in the possession of Secretary of Labor Davis. The tigures compiled show that drops in price to the consumer are slower than should be on the basis of price reductions in basic materials.

Human greed is taking part of that 21 percent is not exorbitant, But to: acting as an agency between the producers and manufacturers on the one hand and the retail merchants on the other, shifting the goods at once without any considerable chance of loss, it does seem that 21 percent is rather a high figure to be paid.

Reports made to President Harding declare that influences are systematically working to keep up prices. Price lists sent out to many retail merchants reveal this state of affairs. A factory producing one line of goods, cuts the price upon a certain day and sends out notice to this eftect. Another factory producing the same kind of goods, cuts the price upon the same day to the same figure and sends out notice to that effect Still a third acts as do the other two. The three factories are no

Conditions in the market would not dictate the same cut upon the same day, because the whole country is not affected the same way at the same time, Indeed some mills with supplies already bought or with cheap supplies contracted for would not be affected at all by the raw material market

if you please to maintain prices at onment high level.

ganization informed on production other behind the prison bars. costs, market needs and other data which permit them through mutau understanding to regulate their sur soul and all of that, but coming down plies according to demand and thus to hard facts, it seems that condiwould otherwise exist

tions and some dealers in certain lines of goods is maintaining high

prices, preventing the cost of living dropping appreciably. It is doing more than this, It is causing business to stagnate, breeding unrest, and inject-

Greed menaces the nation, it should be curbed. These combinations and associations to maintain high prices should be proceeded against in the courts of the land and middlemen should be knocked out utterly if they cannot be content with fair price for their services as distributers,

At all events human greed is responsible in some measure for pres ent day high prices and the strained

WE NEED LOYALTY

His dog was in the burning building. The howls of the animal could be plainly heard. The flames leaped higher and higher.

Little Harold O'Grady of Chicago, forgetful of danger to himself dashed into the veritable sea of flames to res-

Harold had played with the dog. The dog followed him. Never did he come home that the dog didn't gleefully announce his coming and run to meet

Harold was loyal to his pet. The pet was in danger. Harold would rescue him. That was all there was to

Harold groped through the burning building after his dog. Portions of the roof fell now and then. Death for the was near. But the pet must be

When firemen rescued the lad he had the dog tightly grasped in his

Would that there were more of this sort of devotion in the world. Would men would be as loyal to other as this boy was to his dog. Would that we could forget self in

Unfortunately some people can't see a human being for the dollar which obscures their vision. Unfortunately, some men interpret good treatment as weakness on the part of those dealt with. They are quick to take advantage of the supposed weak-

21 percent. Perhaps in some instances old would today could be quickly mended if all of us had a bit more of that intrepid spirit of loyalt, manby Harold O'Grady who, through a flaming building sought dog who was trapped by the

LITTLE BIG THINGS.

Eggs were the basis for the slaying of Harry Pawluk by John Bruno, according to the story of the accused upon the witness stand.

Bruno was first cook and Pawluk was second cook aboard the steamer Montague, testimeny indicated.

Pawiuk was a quarrelsome man and objected warmly when Bruno wanted to give the officers' mess a variety

Said Pawluk, according to Bruno, "Fried eggs is good enough for rough

Feeling between the two cooks thereafter developed rapidly, according to Bruno's testimony. The climax came when Pawluk attacked him one grounds of a magnificent summer home in the hills west of Portland. To defend himself Bruno was forced to Bruno testified. Bruno brought to trial It is apparent that these factories was found guilty of second degree have a tacit understanding, a trust murder and sentenced to life impris-

Bruno's story served to indicate Many associations have been organ that climaxes are precipitated by ized among dealers, it is set forth in small things, Eggs, according to Brureports to the president, the object of no's story led to the snuffing out of which, is to keep the units in the Gr | a human life and the passing of an-

We hear a great deal these days about one being master of one's own maintain a higher level of prices than tions which surround one in some measure dictate one's course of ac-The greed seated in some associa. tion, mould the very character and

It seems, too, that one is not greatly

things. The minor matters play a big part. A man does not trip over a mountain, but he is likely to tall down when his foot strikes a mole

Look back upon your own life. Ten chances to one you are not doing today the thing you set out to do in your youth. You have been diverted from your original purpose. And it is safe to wager that it was some very little thing which changed your

After all a very small leak can divert an entire river.

-The Best Big Sister-

LOOKING BACKWARD

(From The Chronicle, April 15, 1896.) The published report in the Oregon ian and the Northwest Press that Judge A. S. Bennett had declined the local train today for Portland. democratic nomination for congress was premature. A reporter of The Chronicle saw Mr. Bennett today, in regard to it. He replied:

"There was a foundation for such a report, caused by my unwillingness Glenn spent the day at the Locks. to accept the nomination at the time the convention was in session. I

convention had adjourned before I could do so. I have been debating with myself whether or not to decline, and have reached the conclusion this morning that I will not, since it is practically too late to secure an

The funeral of the eight year old son of Daniel Daffron took place at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the

Mrs. C. L. Phillips presented each member of the Home Dramatic company with a handsome rosebud boutonnaire last evening. Mrs. Stubling contributed some choice ferns for the decoration of the stage.

Dr. Siddall went to Portland yester

Mr. Thomas Wood, the butcher, went to Portland today.

Mr. T. A. Van Norden boarded the

Mr. B. H. Briggs' condition is improving rapidly. He is now sitting up.

Messrs. W. C. Allaway and Hugh

Mr. Charles J. Nickelsen of Wash hastened to make known my desire ington county, Penn., is in the city and

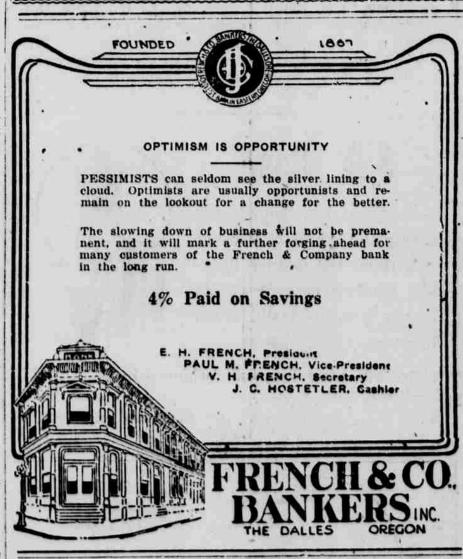
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